

Annotated Code of Maryland, Health-General Article

§ 13-1207. Annual report

(a) In general. -- On or before December 1 of each year, the Secretary shall submit a report on findings, recommendations, and Program actions to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

(b) Summary of stakeholder meetings. -- The Secretary shall include in the report required under subsection (a) of this section a summary of any stakeholder meetings held under § 13-1208 of this subtitle during the immediately preceding 12-month period that includes:

- (1)** Stakeholder responses to existing recommendations; and
- (2)** Recommendations from stakeholders that address factors contributing to maternal mortality.

§ 13-1208. Stakeholder meeting

(a) Representatives. -- At least twice a year, the Secretary shall convene a meeting of stakeholders, including representatives of:

- (1)** The Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities;
- (2)** The Maryland Patient Safety Center;
- (3)** The Maryland Healthy Start Program;
- (4)** Women's health advocacy organizations;
- (5)** Community organizations engaged in maternal health and family support issues;
- (6)** Families that have experienced a maternal death;
- (7)** Local health departments; and
- (8)** Health care providers that provide maternal health services.

(b) Timing of meetings. -- Of the two meetings required under subsection (a) of this section:

(1) One meeting shall be held within 90 days after submission of the report required under § 13-1207 of this subtitle to:

- (i)** Review the findings and recommendations in the report;
 - (ii)** Examine issues resulting in disparities in maternal deaths;
 - (iii)** Review the status of implementation of previous recommendations; and
 - (iv)** Identify new recommendations with a focus on initiatives to address issues resulting in disparities in maternal deaths; and
- (2)** One meeting shall be held within 6 months after the meeting held under item (1) of this subsection to review the status of implementation of previous recommendations and consider any new information that may be relevant for the identification of additional recommendations.